

House Bill 774

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Human Resources, so as to provide for guidelines relating to the incidence  
3 and treatment options of autism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
8 of Human Resources, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-2-10.

10 The department shall develop guidelines relating to the incidence and treatment options of  
11 autism. Such guidelines shall include best practices on the identification and treatment of  
12 autism for health care professionals based on accepted studies. The department shall also  
13 establish a definition for autism and its related disorders."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.